

# Similarity reduction of the modified Yajima-Oikawa equation

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## Abstract

We study a similarity reduction of the modified Yajima-Oikawa hierarchy. The hierarchy is associated with a non-standard Heisenberg subalgebra in the affine Lie algebra of type  $A_2^{(1)}$ . The system of equations for self-similar solutions is presented as a Hamiltonian system of degree of freedom two, and admits a group of Bäcklund transformations isomorphic to the affine Weyl group of type  $A_2^{(1)}$ . We show that the system is equivalent to a two-parameter family of the fifth Painlevé equation.

## 1 Introduction

In applications of the theory of affine Lie algebras to integrable hierarchies, the *Heisenberg subalgebras* play important roles, since they correspond to the varieties of time-evolutions. Let  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$  be the untwisted affine Lie algebra associated with a finite-dimensional simple Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Up to conjugacy, the Heisenberg subalgebras in  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$  are in one-to-one correspondence with the conjugacy classes of the Weyl group of  $\mathfrak{g}$  [3]. In particular, the conjugacy class containing the Coxeter element, to which the *principal* Heisenberg subalgebra of  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$  is associated, leads to the Drinfel'd-Sokolov hierarchy [2], whereas the class of the identity element corresponds to the *homogeneous* Heisenberg subalgebra. Associated with arbitrary conjugacy class, M. F. de Groot, T. J. Hollowood, J. L. Miramontes [1] developed the theory of integrable systems called generalized Drinfel'd-Sokolov hierarchies.

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When  $\mathfrak{g}$  is of type  $A_{n-1}$ , the conjugacy classes are parametrized by the partitions of  $n$ . In this paper we consider the *modified Yajima-Oikawa hierarchy*, which turns out to be a hierarchy related to the affine Lie algebra of type  $A_2^{(1)}$  and its non-standard Heisenberg subalgebra associated with the partition  $(2, 1)$ , while the *principal* (resp. *homogeneous*) case corresponds to the partition  $(3)$  (resp.  $(1, 1, 1)$ ).

Among the issues on integrable hierarchies, the study of similarity reduction is important. For example, M. Noumi and Y. Yamada introduced a higher order Painlevé system associated with the affine root system of type  $A_{n-1}^{(1)}$  [7] and now the system is known to be equivalent to a similarity reduction of the system associated with the Coxeter class  $(n)$  of  $A_{n-1}$ . The aim of this paper is to investigate a similarity reduction of the modified Yajima-Oikawa hierarchy. Starting with universal viewpoints, we derive a system of ordinary differential equations for unknown functions  $f_0, f_1, f_2, u_0, u_1, u_2, g, q, r$  and complex parameters  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha'_0 &= \alpha'_1 = \alpha'_2 = 0, \\ f'_0 &= f_0(u_2 - u_0) - \alpha_0, \quad g' = g(u_0 - u_2) - qf_1 + rf_2 + \alpha_0 + 4, \\ f'_1 &= f_1(u_0 - u_1) - r\alpha_1, \quad 3q' = 3q(u_1 - u_0) + qf_0 - f_2, \\ f'_2 &= f_2(u_1 - u_2) - q\alpha_2, \quad 3r' = 3r(u_2 - u_1) - rf_0 + f_1. \end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

where  $' = d/dx$  denote the derivative with respect to the independent variable  $x$ . Under the algebraic relations

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 &= -4, \quad g = f_0 + 3qr, \quad u_0 + u_1 + u_2 = 0, \quad u_1 = qr, \\ 2gu_0 &= qf_1 - rf_2 - gqr - \alpha_0 - 2, \end{aligned} \tag{1.2}$$

the system (1.1) turns out to be equivalent to the fifth Painlevé equation for  $y = -f_0/(3u_1)$ :

$$y'' = \left( \frac{1}{2y} + \frac{1}{y-1} \right) (y')^2 - \frac{y'}{x} + \frac{(y-1)^2}{x^2} \left( Ay + \frac{B}{y} \right) + \frac{C}{x}y + D \frac{y(y+1)}{(y-1)},$$

where the change of variable  $x \rightarrow x^2$  is employed and the parameters are given by

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\alpha_2 - \alpha_1}{12} \right)^2, \quad B = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\alpha_0}{4} \right)^2, \quad C = -\frac{\alpha_2 - \alpha_1}{18}, \quad D = -\frac{1}{18}.$$

On introducing the system (1.1), we shall describe the system in three ways:

1. Compatibility condition for a system of linear differential equations (Section 5),
2. A Hamiltonian system whose degree of freedom is two (Theorem 2),
3. Hirota bilinear equations for  $\tau$ -functions (Theorem 3).

The system (1.1) has a symmetry of the affine Weyl group of type  $A_2^{(1)}$  as a group of Bäcklund transformations. First we give the symmetry as the compatibility of gauge transformations of linear differential equations and state it in the automorphism of the differential field

$$K = \mathbf{C}(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, f_0, f_1, f_2, g, q, r, u_0, u_1, u_2)$$

with the derivation  $' : K \rightarrow K$  defined by (1.1) and algebraic relations (1.2) (Theorem 1). Then we extend the action of affine Weyl group on  $K$  to the extended field  $\widehat{F}$  of  $K$ :

$$\widehat{F} = \mathbf{C}(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, x; \tau_0, \tau_1, \tau_2, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \tau'_0, \tau'_1, \tau'_2, \sigma'_1, \sigma'_2)$$

as a Bäcklund transformations, which is discussed in section 11 (Theorem 5).

The paper is organized as follows. In Sect.2, we review the notation related to the affine Lie algebra of type  $A_2^{(1)}$ . On the basis of the affine Lie algebra, we introduce the modified Yajima-Oikawa hierarchy in Sect.3. In Sect.4, we consider a condition of self-similarity on the solutions of the hierarchy. This condition yields a system of ordinary differential equations, which is a main object in this paper. In Sect.5, the condition of self-similarity is also presented as a Lax-type equation. In Sect.6, we give a Weyl group symmetry of the system as a gauge transformation of the Lax equatoin (Theorem 1). In Sect.7 a Hamiltonian structure is introduced (Theorem 2). In Sect.8 we prove that our system is equivalent to a two-parameter family of the fifth Painlevé equation. In Sect.9 we introduce a set of  $\tau$ -functions and give a bilinear form of differential system (Theorem 3). Then in Sect.10 we lift the action of Weyl group to the  $\tau$ -functions (Theorem 4) and give a Jacobi-Trudi type formula (10.4) for the Weyl group orbit of the  $\tau$ -functions. In Sect.11, we prove that the Weyl group action on the  $\tau$ -functions commute with the derivation  $' = d/dx$ .

## 2 Preliminaries on the affine Lie algebra of type $A_2^{(1)}$

In this section, we collect necessary notions about the affine Lie algebra of type  $A_2^{(1)}$ . We mainly follow the notation used in [4], to which one should refer for further details.

Let  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_3$ . The affine Lie algebra  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$  is realized as a central extension of the loop algebra  $L\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_3(\mathbf{C}[z, z^{-1}])$ , together with the derivation  $d = z\partial_z$

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{g}} = \mathfrak{sl}_3(\mathbf{C}[z, z^{-1}]) \oplus \mathbf{C}c \oplus \mathbf{C}d,$$

where  $c$  denotes the canonical central element. Let us define the Chevalley generators  $E_i, F_i, H_i (i = 0, 1, 2)$  for the affine Lie algebra  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$  by

$$E_0 = zE_{3,1}, \quad E_1 = E_{1,2}, \quad E_2 = E_{2,3}, \quad F_0 = z^{-1}E_{1,3}, \quad F_1 = E_{2,1}, \quad F_2 = E_{3,2}, \quad (2.1)$$

$$H_0 = c + E_{3,3} - E_{1,1}, \quad H_1 = E_{1,1} - E_{2,2}, \quad H_2 = E_{2,2} - E_{3,3},$$

where  $E_{i,j}$  is the matrix unit  $E_{i,j} = (\delta_{ia}\delta_{jb})_{a,b=1}^3$ . The Cartan subalgebra of  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$  is defined as  $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}} = \bigoplus_{i=0}^2 \mathbf{C}H_i \oplus \mathbf{C}d$ . We introduce the simple roots  $\alpha_j$  and the fundamental weights  $\Lambda_j$  as the following linear functionals on the Cartan subalgebra  $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$ :

$$\langle H_i, \alpha_j \rangle = a_{ij}, \quad \langle H_i, \Lambda_j \rangle = \delta_{ij} \quad (i = 0, 1, 2), \quad \langle d, \alpha_j \rangle = \delta_{0j}, \quad \langle d, \Lambda_j \rangle = 0$$

for  $j = 0, 1, 2$ , where  $(a_{ij})_{i=0}^3$  is the generalized Cartan matrix of type  $A_2^{(1)}$  defined by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We define a non degenerate symmetric bilinear form  $(\cdot | \cdot)$  on  $V = \hat{\mathfrak{h}}^*$  as follows:

$$(\alpha_i | \alpha_j) = a_{ij}, \quad (\alpha_i | \Lambda_0) = \delta_{i0}, \quad (\Lambda_0 | \Lambda_0) = 0.$$

We define simple reflections  $s_i$  ( $i = 0, 1, 2$ ) by

$$s_i(\lambda) = \lambda - \langle H_i, \lambda \rangle \alpha_i, \quad \lambda \in V.$$

They satisfy the fundamental relations

$$s_i^2 = 1, \quad s_i s_{i+1} s_i = s_{i+1} s_i s_{i+1} \quad (i = 0, 1, 2),$$

where the indices are understood as elements of  $\mathbf{Z}/3\mathbf{Z}$ . Consider the group

$$W = \langle s_0, s_1, s_2 \rangle \subset \text{GL}(V), \tag{2.2}$$

generated by the simple reflections. The group  $W$  is called the affine Weyl group of type  $A_2^{(1)}$ .

### 3 Modified Yajima-Oikawa hierarchy

In this section we introduce the modified Yajima-Oikawa hierarchy as generalized Drinfel'd-Sokolov reduction associated to the loop algebra  $L\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_3(\mathbf{C}[z, z^{-1}])$ , following [1]. Let us introduce the following derivation on  $L\mathfrak{g}$ :

$$D = 4z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - \text{diag}(-1, 0, 1). \tag{3.1}$$

Set

$$L\mathfrak{g}_j = \{A \in L\mathfrak{g} \mid [D, A] = jA\}.$$

Then we have a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -gradation  $L\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_j L\mathfrak{g}_j$ . Note that

$$\deg(E_0) = -\deg(F_0) = 2, \quad \deg(E_j) = -\deg(F_j) = 1 \quad (j = 1, 2).$$

Consider the particular element

$$\gamma = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ z & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and let  $\mathfrak{s}$  be the centralizer of  $\gamma$  in  $L\mathfrak{g}$

$$\mathfrak{s} = \text{Ker}(\text{ad}\gamma) = \{A \in L\mathfrak{g} \mid [\gamma, A] = 0\}.$$

The subalgebra  $\mathfrak{s}$  is a maximal commutative subalgebra in  $\mathfrak{g}$ , which has the following basis:

$$\gamma_{4j+2} = z^j \gamma, \quad \gamma_{4j} = z^j \text{diag}(1, -2, 1) \quad (j \in \mathbf{Z}).$$

Then  $\mathfrak{s}$  is a graded subalgebra of  $L\mathfrak{g}$  with respect to the gradation. We have  $\gamma_{2j} \in L\mathfrak{g}_{2j}$ . The commutative subalgebra  $\mathfrak{s}$  is the image of a Heisenberg subalgebra in  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$  associated with the conjugacy class  $(2, 1)$  ([3], see also [10] and [5]). We put  $\mathfrak{b} := \oplus_{j \geq 0} L\mathfrak{g}_j$ .

To introduce our hierarchy, we begin with the differential operator

$$L := \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \gamma - Q,$$

where  $Q$  is an  $x$ -dependent element of  $\mathfrak{b}_{<2}$ . We set  $\mathfrak{s}^\perp := \text{Im}(\text{ad}\gamma)$ . It is clear that  $\mathfrak{s}^\perp = \oplus_j \mathfrak{s}_j^\perp$ , where  $\mathfrak{s}_j^\perp := \mathfrak{s}^\perp \cap L\mathfrak{g}_j$ . There is a unique formal series  $U = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} U_{-j}$  ( $U_{-j} \in \mathfrak{s}_{-j}^\perp$ ) such that the operator  $L_0 := e^{\text{ad}U}(L)$  has the form

$$L_0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \gamma - \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} h_{-2j}, \quad h_{-2j} \in \mathfrak{s}_{-2j}.$$

Moreover  $U_{-j}$  and  $h_{-2j}$  are polynomials in the components of  $Q$  and their  $x$  derivatives. For any  $j > 0$  we set

$$B_{2j} = (e^{-\text{ad}U} \gamma_{2j})_{\geq 0}.$$

The modified Yajima-Oikawa hierarchy is defined by the Lax equations

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial t_{2j}} = [B_{2j}, L] \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots).$$

We describe the above construction concretely. First we set

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} u_0 & r & 0 \\ 0 & u_1 & q \\ 0 & 0 & u_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad u_0 + u_1 + u_2 = 0$$

and solve for the first few terms of  $U_j$  and  $h_j$ :

$$\begin{aligned} U_{-1} &= -qE_{2,1} + rE_{3,2}, \\ U_{-2} &= \frac{u_2 - u_0}{4}(z^{-1}E_{1,3} - E_{3,1}), \\ U_{-3} &= \left[ \left( \frac{3u_0}{8} + \frac{3u_1}{2} - \frac{3u_2}{8} - qr \right) r + r' \right] E_{1,2} \\ &\quad + \left[ \left( \frac{7u_0}{8} - u_1 + \frac{u_2}{8} + qr \right) q + q' \right] E_{2,3}, \\ U_{-4} &= \left[ \frac{u'_0 - u'_2}{8} + \frac{q'r + 3qr'}{8} + \left( \frac{u_0}{16} - \frac{5u_1}{16} + \frac{u_2}{16} + \frac{5}{16}qr \right) qr \right] (E_{1,1} - E_{3,3}), \\ h_0 &= \frac{qr - u_1}{2} \gamma_0, \\ h_{-2} &= \left[ \frac{u_0^2 + u_2^2}{8} - \frac{u_0 u_2}{4} - \frac{q'r + 3qr'}{4} - \left( \frac{u_0}{8} - \frac{5u_1}{8} + \frac{u_2}{8} + \frac{3}{8}qr \right) qr \right] \gamma_{-2}. \end{aligned}$$

Here  $'$  means  $\partial/\partial x$ . In fact,  $h_0$  is a constant along all the flows and we can put  $h_0 = 0$  (see [1]). So we fix

$$u_1 = qr \quad (3.2)$$

from now on. By using  $U_j$ 's and condition (3.2) we have

$$B_2 = \gamma_2 + \begin{bmatrix} u_0 & r & 0 \\ 0 & u_1 & q \\ 0 & 0 & u_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (3.3)$$

$$B_4 = \gamma_4 + 3 \begin{bmatrix} -qr' + qru_2 & r' - ru_2 & 0 \\ qz & qr' - q'r + qru_1 & -q' - qu_0 \\ -qrz & rz & q'r + qru_0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.4)$$

The modified Yajima-Oikawa equation is obtained by the following zero-curvature condition:

$$\frac{\partial B_2}{\partial t_4} = \frac{\partial B_4}{\partial t_2} - [B_2, B_4]. \quad (3.5)$$

In fact this yields the following system of differential equations:

$$q_t + 3(q'' + q(-qr' + u_0' + qru_2 + u_2^2)) = 0, \quad (3.6)$$

$$r_t - 3(r'' - r(-q'r + u_2' - qru_0 + u_0^2)) = 0, \quad (3.7)$$

$$(u_0)_t = 3(-qr' + qru_2)', \quad (u_1)_t = 3(qr' - q'r + qru_1)', \quad (u_2)_t = 3(q'r + qru_0)'. \quad (3.8)$$

Here we identify  $x$  and  $t_2$ , and put  $t = t_4$ .

**Remark:** This system of equations is related to the Yajima-Oikawa equation [11]:

$$\Psi_t + 3(\Psi'' + u\Psi) = 0, \quad (3.9)$$

$$\Phi_t - 3(\Phi'' + u\Phi) = 0, \quad (3.10)$$

$$u_t + 6(\Psi\Phi)' = 0. \quad (3.11)$$

The relation is established by the following map, which takes a solution  $q, r, u_j$  ( $j = 0, 1, 2$ ) of (3.6) (3.7), (3.8) into a solution  $\Psi, \Phi, u$  of (3.9), (3.10), (3.11) and is an analog of the Miura map in the case of KdV and mKdV equations:

$$\Psi = -q' - qu_0, \quad \Phi = r' - ru_2, \quad -u = u_0^2 + u_2^2 + u_0u_2 + u_0' + qr'.$$

## 4 Similarity reduction

In this section we consider a self-similarity condition on the solutions of the modified Yajima-Oikawa equation (3.6), (3.7), (3.8). These are the main object of this paper. A solution  $q(x, t)$ ,  $r(x, t)$ ,  $u_j(x, t)$  ( $j = 0, 1, 2$ ) is said to be self-similar if

$$q(\lambda^2 x, \lambda^4 t) = \lambda^{-1} q(x, t), \quad r(\lambda^2 x, \lambda^4 t) = \lambda^{-1} r(x, t), \quad u_j(\lambda^2 x, \lambda^4 t) = \lambda^{-2} u_j(x, t). \quad (4.1)$$

Here we count a degree of variables by  $\deg x = \deg t_2 = -2$ ,  $\deg t = \deg t_4 = -4$ . Note that such functions are uniquely determined by its values at fixed  $t$ , say at  $t = 1/4$ . Differentiating (4.1) with respect to  $\lambda$  at  $\lambda = 1$ , we obtain the Euler equations

$$2x \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} + 4t \frac{\partial q}{\partial t} = -q, \quad 2x \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} + 4t \frac{\partial r}{\partial t} = -r, \quad 2x \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x} + 4t \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial t} = -2u_j.$$

At  $t = 1/4$  these identities become

$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} = -2 \frac{\partial(xq)}{\partial x} + q, \quad \frac{\partial r}{\partial t} = -2 \frac{\partial(xr)}{\partial x} + r, \quad \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial t} = -2 \frac{\partial(xu_j)}{\partial x}.$$

This can be written in the matrix form

$$\frac{\partial B_2}{\partial t} = -2 \frac{\partial(xB_2)}{\partial x} + [D, B_2],$$

where  $D$  is the derivation defined in (3.1). Substituting this last identity into the zero-curvature equation (3.5), we obtain

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial x} = \left[ 4z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - M, B_2 \right], \quad (4.2)$$

where we set

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 & f_1 & g \\ 0 & \varepsilon_2 & f_2 \\ 0 & 0 & \varepsilon_3 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3q & -2 & 0 \\ f_0 & 3r & 1 \end{bmatrix} := \text{diag}(-1, 0, 1) + 2xB_2 + B_4. \quad (4.3)$$

The correspondence of variables is given as follows: v

$$\varepsilon_1 = -1 + 2xu_0 - 3q(r' - ru_2), \quad (4.4)$$

$$\varepsilon_2 = 2xu_1 + 3(qr' - q'r + qru_1), \quad (4.5)$$

$$\varepsilon_3 = 1 + 2xu_2 + 3r(q' + qu_0) \quad (4.6)$$

and  $g = 2x$ ,

$$f_0 = 2x - 3qr, \quad f_1 = 2xr + 3(r' - ru_2), \quad f_2 = 2xq - 3(q' + qu_0). \quad (4.7)$$

Here we regard the variables  $q = q(x, 1/4)$ ,  $r = r(x, 1/4)$ ,  $u_j = u_j(x, 1/4)$  ( $j = 0, 1, 2$ ) are functions only in  $x$ . Note that the definition of  $M$  has a freedom of adding a constant diagonal matrix and here we normalize

$$\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_3 = 0. \quad (4.8)$$

## 5 Lax pair formalism

Consider the following system of linear differential equations for the column vector  $\vec{\psi} = {}^t(\psi_1, \psi_2, \psi_3)$  of three unknown functions  $\psi_i = \psi_i(z, x)$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) :

$$4z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \vec{\psi} = M \vec{\psi}, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \vec{\psi} = B \vec{\psi}. \quad (5.1)$$

We assume that the matrix  $M$  is (4.3) and  $B = B_2$  (3.3) where the variables  $\varepsilon_j, f_j, u_j, q, r$  and  $g$  are functions in  $x$ . Then the compatibility condition of system (5.1)

$$\left[ 4z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - M, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - B \right] = 0 \quad (5.2)$$

is equivalent to the relations

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon'_1 &= \varepsilon'_2 = \varepsilon'_3 = 0, & g &= f_0 + 3qr, \\ f'_0 &= f_0(u_2 - u_0) - (\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_1 - 4), & g' &= g(u_0 - u_2) - qf_1 + rf_2 - \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_3, \\ f'_1 &= f_1(u_0 - u_1) - r(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2), & 3q' &= 3q(u_1 - u_0) + qf_0 - f_2, \\ f'_2 &= f_2(u_1 - u_2) - q(\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3), & 3r' &= 3r(u_2 - u_1) - rf_0 + f_1. \end{aligned} \quad (5.3)$$

If we forget the relation (4.3) of  $M$  and  $B_1, B_2$  and start from the Lax equation (5.3), we can recover some of the relations of variables. For instance, differentiating both-hand side of  $g = f_0 + 3qr$  and eliminate the variables except  $g'$  by means of (5.3), we get  $g' = 2$  and therefore assume

$$g = 2x.$$

In what follows we shall impose the following constraint on the variables:

$$u_0 + u_1 + u_2 = 0, \quad u_1 = qr. \quad (5.4)$$

The joint system (5.2) and (5.4) is the main object that we investigate in this paper. Using system (5.3) together with the constraint, we can derive the following equation:

$$2gu_0 = qf_1 - rf_2 - gqr - \varepsilon_3 + \varepsilon_1 + 2. \quad (5.5)$$

After the elimination of the variables  $f_0, u_0, u_1, u_2$  by (5.3), (5.4) and (5.5), we obtain a system of ODE for the unknown functions  $f_1, f_2, q, r$  with the parameters  $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3$ . We can obtain the set of explicit formulae of  $f'_1, f'_2, q', r'$  in terms of  $f_1, f_2, q, r$  and  $g$ , and the results are

$$f'_1 = \frac{f_1}{2g}(f_1q - f_2r) - \frac{3}{2}f_1qr + (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_3)\frac{f_1}{2g} - (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)r + \frac{f_1}{g}, \quad (5.6)$$

$$f'_2 = \frac{f_2}{2g}(f_1q - f_2r) + \frac{3}{2}f_2qr + (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_3)\frac{f_2}{2g} - (\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3)q + \frac{f_2}{g}, \quad (5.7)$$

$$q' = -\frac{q}{2g}(f_1q - f_2r) + \frac{q^2r}{2} - (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_3)\frac{q}{2g} + \frac{gq - f_2}{3} - \frac{q}{g}, \quad (5.8)$$

$$r' = -\frac{r}{2g}(f_1q - f_2r) - \frac{qr^2}{2} - (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)\frac{r}{2g} - \frac{gr - f_1}{3} - \frac{r}{g}. \quad (5.9)$$



In Sect.7 we present the system of ODE in the Hamiltonian form.

**Remark.** Using (5.5) and (5.3), we can also derive the following differential equation:

$$gu'_0 = (\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3)qr + \frac{f_2}{3}(rf_0 - f_1) - 2u_0. \quad (5.10)$$

## 6 Bäcklund transformations

Let us pass to the investigation of a group of Bäcklund transformations. For this purpose, it is convenient to introduce the following set of parameters:

$$\alpha_0 = \varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_1 - 4, \quad \alpha_1 = \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2, \quad \alpha_2 = \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3. \quad (6.1)$$

They are identified with the simple roots of the affine root system of type  $A_2^{(1)}$ .

We define the Bäcklund transformations for the system by considering the gauge transformations of the linear system (5.1)

$$s_i \vec{\psi} = G_i \vec{\psi} \quad (i = 0, 1, 2). \quad (6.2)$$

The matrices  $G_i$  are given as follows:

$$G_i = 1 + \frac{\alpha_i}{f_i} F_i \quad (i = 0, 1, 2), \quad (6.3)$$

where  $F_0, F_1, F_2$  are Chevalley generators (2.1) of the loop algebra  $\mathfrak{sl}_3(\mathbf{C}[z, z^{-1}])$ . The compatibility condition of (5.1) and (6.2) is

$$s_i(M) = G_i M G_i^{-1} + 4z \frac{\partial G_i}{\partial z} G_i^{-1}, \quad s_i(B) = G_i B G_i^{-1} + \frac{\partial G_i}{\partial x} G_i^{-1}. \quad (6.4)$$

On the components of the matrices  $M, B$ , the actions of  $s_i (i = 0, 1, 2)$  are given explicitly as in the following tables:

	$f_0$	$f_1$	$f_2$	$g$	$q$	$r$
$s_0$	$f_0$	$f_1 + 3r \frac{\alpha_0}{f_0}$	$f_2 - 3q \frac{\alpha_0}{f_0}$	$g$	$q$	$r$
$s_1$	$f_0 - 3r \frac{\alpha_1}{f_1}$	$f_1$	$f_2 + g \frac{\alpha_1}{f_1}$	$g$	$q + \frac{\alpha_1}{f_1}$	$r$
$s_2$	$f_0 + 3q \frac{\alpha_2}{f_2}$	$f_1 - g \frac{\alpha_2}{f_2}$	$f_2$	$g$	$q$	$r - \frac{\alpha_2}{f_2}$

  

	$\alpha_0$	$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_2$	$u_0$	$u_1$	$u_2$
$s_0$	$-\alpha_0$	$\alpha_1 + \alpha_0$	$\alpha_2 + \alpha_0$	$u_0 + \frac{\alpha_0}{f_0}$	$u_1$	$u_2 - \frac{\alpha_0}{f_0}$
$s_1$	$\alpha_0 + \alpha_1$	$-\alpha_1$	$\alpha_2 + \alpha_1$	$u_0 - r \frac{\alpha_1}{f_1}$	$u_1 + r \frac{\alpha_1}{f_1}$	$u_2$
$s_2$	$\alpha_0 + \alpha_2$	$\alpha_1 + \alpha_2$	$-\alpha_2$	$u_0$	$u_1 - q \frac{\alpha_2}{f_2}$	$u_2 + q \frac{\alpha_2}{f_2}$

The automorphisms  $s_i (i = 0, 1, 2)$  generate a group of Bäcklund transformations for our differential system. To state this fact clearly, it is convenient to introduce the field

$$K = \mathbf{C}(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, f_0, f_1, f_2, g, q, r, u_0, u_1, u_2), \quad (6.5)$$

where the generators satisfy the following algebraic relations:

$$\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = -4, \quad f_0 = g - 3qr, \quad u_0 + u_1 + u_2 = 0, \quad u_1 = qr,$$

$$2gu_0 = qf_1 - rf_2 - gqr - \varepsilon_3 + \varepsilon_1 + 2.$$

We have the automorphisms  $s_i (i = 0, 1, 2)$  of the field  $K$  defined by the above table. Note that the field  $K$  is thought to be a differential field with the derivation  $' : K \rightarrow K$  defined by (5.3).

**Theorem 1** *The automorphism  $s_0, s_1, s_2$  of  $K$  define a representation of the affine Weyl group  $W$  (2.2) on the field  $K$  such that the action of the each element  $w \in W$  commutes with the derivation of the differential field  $K$ .*

Theorem 1 is proved by straightforward computations. Note that the independent variable  $x = g/2$  is fixed under the action of  $W$ .

## 7 Hamiltonian structure

We shall equip  $K$  (6.5) with the Poisson algebra structure  $\{ , \} : K \times K \rightarrow K$  defined as follows:

$\{ , \}$	$f_1$	$f_2$	$q$	$r$
$f_1$	0	$g$	1	0
$f_2$	$-g$	0	0	$-1$
$q$	$-1$	0	0	0
$r$	0	1	0	0

That is,  $\{f_1, f_2\} = g$  and so on. Note that the Poisson structure comes from the Lie algebra structure of  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$  (see [9] for an exposition). We can describe the action of  $s_i (i = 0, 1, 2)$  on the generators  $f = f_j, u_j, q, r, g (j = 0, 1, 2)$  of  $K$  by

$$s_i(f) = f + \frac{\alpha_i}{f_i} \{f_i, f\}.$$

We introduce the function  $h$  by

$$\begin{aligned} h := & \frac{1}{2}(f_1 q^2 r + f_2 q r^2) - \frac{1}{4g}(f_1^2 q^2 + f_2^2 r^2 + q^2 r^2 g^2) + \left(\frac{qr}{2g} - \frac{1}{3}\right) f_1 f_2 \\ & + \left(\frac{g}{3} - \frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}{2g}\right) f_1 q + \left(\frac{g}{3} + \frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}{2g}\right) f_2 r - \left(\frac{g}{3} - \frac{\alpha_1 - \alpha_2}{2g}\right) q r g. \end{aligned}$$

Then the differential system (5.6)–(5.9) can be expressed

$$\begin{aligned} f_1' &= \{h, f_1\} + \frac{f_1}{g}, & q' &= \{h, q\} - \frac{q}{g}, \\ f_2' &= \{h, f_2\} + \frac{f_2}{g}, & r' &= \{h, r\} - \frac{r}{g}. \end{aligned} \quad (7.1)$$

Let us introduce the variables

$$p_1 = f_1, \quad q_1 = q, \quad p_2 = \frac{f_2}{g} - q, \quad q_2 = -gr.$$

It is easy to show that

$$\{p_i, q_j\} = \delta_{ij}, \quad \{p_i, p_j\} = \{q_i, q_j\} = 0 \quad (i, j = 1, 2).$$

**Theorem 2** *Let  $H$  be the function defined as*

$$\begin{aligned} xH &= -\frac{1}{4}p_1p_2q_1q_2 - \frac{1}{8}(p_1^2q_1^2 + p_2^2q_2^2) - \frac{1}{2}p_1q_1^2q_2 \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{4}(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 2)p_1q_1 - \frac{1}{4}(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 - 2)p_2q_2 - \frac{\alpha_1}{2}q_1q_2 - \frac{2x^2}{3}(q_2 + p_1)p_2 \end{aligned}$$

*Then the system of ODEs (5.6), (5.7), (5.8), (5.9) is equivalent to the Hamiltonian system*

$$\frac{dq_1}{dx} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_1}, \quad \frac{dq_2}{dx} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_2}, \quad \frac{dp_1}{dx} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_1}, \quad \frac{dp_2}{dx} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_2}. \quad (7.2)$$

**Proof.** We define

$$H = h - \frac{f_1q + f_2r}{g} + qr$$

and rewrite this in the coordinate  $p_j, q_j$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ). Then the equations (7.1) can be expressed as (7.2).  $\square$

The behavior of the Hamiltonian under the Bäcklund transformations is given by the simple formulae

$$s_0(\tilde{H}) = \tilde{H} + 6qr\frac{\alpha_0}{f_0}, \quad s_j(\tilde{H}) = \tilde{H} \quad (j = 1, 2),$$

where we set  $\tilde{H} = xH + a$  with the correction term

$$a = \frac{1}{24}(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 - 4).$$

## 8 Reduction to the fifth Painlevé equation

In this section, we show the system (5.3) is equivalent to a two-parameter family of the fifth Painlevé equation. By linear change of the independent variable, we ensure the normalization

$$f_0 + \frac{f_1}{r} + \frac{f_2}{q} + 3 \left( \frac{q'}{q} - \frac{r'}{r} \right) = 3g = 6x \quad (8.1)$$

holds. After the elimination of  $u_0$  and  $u_2$ , we have

$$f'_0 = -\frac{f_0}{3} \left( \frac{f_1}{r} - \frac{f_2}{q} \right) + \frac{f_0 u'_1}{u_1} - \alpha_0 \quad (8.2)$$

$$\left( \frac{f_1}{r} \right)' = -\frac{f_1}{3r} \left( \frac{f_2}{q} - f_0 + \frac{3u'_1}{u_1} \right) - \alpha_1, \quad (8.3)$$

$$\left( \frac{f_2}{q} \right)' = -\frac{f_2}{3q} \left( f_0 - \frac{f_1}{r} + \frac{3u'_1}{u_1} \right) - \alpha_2. \quad (8.4)$$

Here we introduce a new variable

$$y := -\frac{f_0}{3u_1}.$$

Notice the relations

$$y - 1 = -\frac{2x}{3u_1}, \quad \frac{y'}{y - 1} = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{u'_1}{u_1} \quad (8.5)$$

holds by  $f_0 = g - 3qr = 2x - 3u_1$ . Then we rewrite (8.2) as

$$y' = -\frac{y}{3} \left( \frac{f_1}{r} - \frac{f_2}{q} \right) + \frac{\alpha_0}{3u_1}, \quad (8.6)$$

After differentiating (8.6), elimination of the variables  $f_1, f_2, q, r, u_1$  by (8.1), (8.3), (8.4), (8.5), (8.6) and the definition of the constant  $\varepsilon_2$  (4.5) leads to the following equation of  $y$ :

$$\begin{aligned} y'' = & \left( \frac{1}{2y} + \frac{1}{y-1} \right) (y')^2 - \frac{y'}{x} + \frac{(y-1)^2}{8x^2} \left( \varepsilon_2^2 y - \frac{\alpha_0^2}{y} \right) \\ & - \frac{2x^2 y}{9} - \frac{4x^2 y}{9(y-1)} - \frac{(\alpha_2 - \alpha_1)y}{3} + \frac{\varepsilon_2 y}{3}. \end{aligned} \quad (8.7)$$

We put  $\xi = x^2$ , then the equation (8.7) can be brought into the fifth Painlevé equation

$$y_{\xi\xi} = \left( \frac{1}{2y} + \frac{1}{y-1} \right) (y_{\xi})^2 - \frac{1}{\xi} y_{\xi} + \frac{(y-1)^2}{\xi^2} \left( Ay + \frac{B}{y} \right) + \frac{C}{\xi} y - \frac{y(y+1)}{18(y-1)},$$

where

$$A = \frac{\varepsilon_2^2}{32}, \quad B = -\frac{\alpha_0^2}{32}, \quad C = -\frac{\varepsilon_2}{6}.$$

Note that  $\varepsilon_2 = (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1)/3$  holds by (4.8) and (6.1).

## 9 $\tau$ -functions

We introduce the  $\tau$ -functions  $\tau_0, \tau_1, \tau_2$ ,  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  to be the dependent variables satisfying the following equations:

$$\frac{f_1}{r} = 2x + 3 \left( \frac{\sigma_2'}{\sigma_2} - \frac{\tau_0'}{\tau_0} \right), \quad \frac{f_2}{q} = 2x - 3 \left( \frac{\sigma_1'}{\sigma_1} - \frac{\tau_0'}{\tau_0} \right), \quad q = -\frac{\sigma_1}{\tau_1}, \quad r = \frac{\sigma_2}{\tau_2}. \quad (9.1)$$

To fix the freedom of overall multiplication by a function in the defining equation (9.1) for  $\tau_0, \tau_1, \tau_2, \sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$ , we impose the equation

$$\begin{aligned} & (\log \tau_0^2 \tau_1^2 \tau_2^2 \sigma_1 \sigma_2)'' + u_0^2 + u_2^2 + \left( u_0 - \frac{f_1}{3r} + \frac{2x}{3} \right)^2 + \left( u_2 - \frac{f_2}{3q} + \frac{2x}{3} \right)^2 \\ & - \frac{2x}{9} \left( 4x - \frac{f_1}{r} - \frac{f_2}{q} \right) - \frac{\alpha_1 - \alpha_2}{9} = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (9.2)$$

The differential equations for the variables  $q$  and  $r$  in the system (5.3) lead to

$$u_0 = \frac{\tau_1'}{\tau_1} - \frac{\tau_0'}{\tau_0}, \quad u_2 = \frac{\tau_0'}{\tau_0} - \frac{\tau_2'}{\tau_2} \quad (9.3)$$

respectively. Here we have used the relations

$$u_1 = qr = -\frac{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}{\tau_1 \tau_2}, \quad f_0 = 2x - 3qr = 2x + 3\frac{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}{\tau_1 \tau_2}.$$

If the equations (9.3) are satisfied, we have

$$u_1 = \frac{\tau_2'}{\tau_2} - \frac{\tau_1'}{\tau_1}, \quad (9.4)$$

by  $u_0 + u_1 + u_2 = 0$  and therefore have the following formula of the variable  $f_0$  in terms of the  $\tau$ -functions:

$$f_0 = 2x + 3 \left( \frac{\tau_1'}{\tau_1} - \frac{\tau_2'}{\tau_2} \right). \quad (9.5)$$

Let  $D_x$  and  $D_x^2$  be Hirota's bilinear operators:

$$D_x F \cdot G := F'G - FG', \quad D_x^2 F \cdot G := F''G - 2F'G' + FG''.$$

In this notation, the relation  $u_1 = qr$ , for example, can be written in

$$D_x \tau_1 \cdot \tau_2 = \sigma_1 \sigma_2. \quad (9.6)$$

We introduce a system of bilinear equations that leads to our differential system (5.3).

**Theorem 3** *Let  $\tau_0, \tau_1, \tau_2, \sigma_1, \sigma_2$  be a set of functions that satisfies the following system of Hirota bilinear equations:*

$$\left(3D_x^2 - 2xD_x + \frac{1}{6}(\alpha_0 - 4\alpha_1 - 2)\right) \tau_0 \cdot \tau_1 = 0, \quad (9.7)$$

$$\left(3D_x^2 - 2xD_x - \frac{1}{6}(\alpha_0 - 4\alpha_2 - 2)\right) \tau_2 \cdot \tau_0 = 0, \quad (9.8)$$

$$\left(3D_x^2 - 2xD_x + \frac{1}{6}(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 + 6)\right) \tau_1 \cdot \sigma_2 = 0, \quad (9.9)$$

$$\left(3D_x^2 - 2xD_x + \frac{1}{6}(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 - 6)\right) \sigma_1 \cdot \tau_2 = 0, \quad (9.10)$$

together with (9.6). If we define the functions  $f_0, f_1, f_2, q, r, u_0, u_1$  and  $u_2$  by the formulae (9.1), (9.3), (9.4) then this set of functions satisfies our ODE system (5.3) together with algebraic equations (5.4).

**Proof.** We can verify that the differential equations for  $q$  and  $r$  are satisfied if we assume the existence of the  $\tau$ -functions such that equations (9.1), (9.3) holds. The differential equations for  $f_0$  is written as

$$3(g_1'' - g_2'') + 2 = (3(g_1' - g_2') + 2x)(2g_0' - g_1' - g_2') - \alpha_0, \quad (9.11)$$

where  $g_j = \log \tau_j$ , ( $j = 0, 1, 2$ ). This equation is obtained if we subtract (9.7) from (9.8). The differential equations for  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  can be rewritten as

$$\left(\frac{f_1}{r}\right)' = \frac{f_1}{r} \left(u_0 - u_1 - \frac{r'}{r}\right) - \alpha_1 \quad \left(\frac{f_2}{q}\right)' = \frac{f_2}{q} \left(u_1 - u_2 - \frac{q'}{q}\right) - \alpha_2, \quad (9.12)$$

respectively. In terms of the  $\tau$ -functions, these equations read

$$3(h_2'' - g_0'') + 2 = (3(h_2' - g_0') + 2x)(2g_1' - g_0' - h_2') - \alpha_1, \quad (9.13)$$

$$3(g_0'' - h_1'') + 2 = (3(g_0' - h_1') + 2x)(2g_2' - g_0' - g_1') - \alpha_2, \quad (9.14)$$

where  $h_1 = \log \sigma_1, h_2 = \log \sigma_2$ . In fact, from (9.7) and (9.9) we can eliminate  $g_1''$  to obtain (9.13). In the similar way from (9.8) and (9.10), we can eliminate  $g_2''$  to obtain (9.14).  $\square$

We remark that the normalization of  $\tau$ -functions (9.2) is obtained by taking the sum of four equations in this theorem.

## 10 Jacobi-Trudi type formula

In this section we lift the action of  $W$  to the  $\tau$ -functions. Consider the field extension  $\tilde{K} = K(\tau_0, \tau_1, \tau_2, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ . Then we can prove the next Theorem by a direct computation.

**Theorem 4** *We extend each automorphism  $s_i$  of  $K$  to an automorphism of the field  $\tilde{K} = K(\tau_0, \tau_1, \tau_2, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  by the formulae  $s_i(\tau_j) = \tau_j$  ( $i \neq j$ ),  $s_i(\sigma_k) = \sigma_k$  ( $i \neq k$ ) and*

$$s_0(\tau_0) = f_0 \frac{\tau_2 \tau_1}{\tau_0}, \quad s_1(\tau_1) = f_1 \frac{\tau_0 \tau_2}{\tau_1}, \quad s_1(\sigma_1) = -(f_1 q + \alpha_1) \frac{\tau_0 \tau_2}{\tau_1}, \quad (10.1)$$

$$s_2(\tau_2) = f_2 \frac{\tau_1 \tau_0}{\tau_2}, \quad s_2(\sigma_2) = (f_2 r - \alpha_2) \frac{\tau_1 \tau_0}{\tau_2}. \quad (10.2)$$

*Then these automorphisms define a representation of  $W$  on  $\tilde{K}$ .*

Following [6], we will describe the Weyl group orbit of the  $\tau$ -functions (see also [9]). For any  $w \in W$  and  $k = 0, 1, 2$ , there exists a rational function  $\phi_w^{(k)} \in K$  such that

$$w(\tau_k) = \phi_w^{(k)} \prod_{i=0,1,2} \tau_i^{(\alpha_i | w(\Lambda_k))}. \quad (10.3)$$

We shall give an expression of  $\phi_w^{(k)}$  in terms of the Jacobi-Trudi type determinant.

A subset  $M$  of  $\mathbf{Z}$  is called a Maya diagram if  $M \cap \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}$  and  $M^c \cap \mathbf{Z}_{< 0}$  are finite sets. We define an integer

$$c(M) := \sharp(M \cap \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}) - \sharp(M^c \cap \mathbf{Z}_{< 0})$$

called the charge of  $M$ . If  $c(M) = r$ , we can express  $M$  as  $\{i_k | k < r\}$  by using an strictly increasing sequence  $i_k$  ( $k < r$ ) such that  $i_k = k$  for  $k \ll r$ . Then we associate a partition  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots)$  given by

$$\lambda_j = i_{r-j+1} - (r - j + 1), \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots).$$

The Weyl group  $W = \langle s_0, s_1, s_2 \rangle$  can be realized as a subgroup of the group of bijections  $w : \mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$  by setting

$$s_k = \prod_{j \in \mathbf{Z}} \sigma_{3j+k-1} \quad (k = 0, 1, 2),$$

where  $\sigma_i$  ( $i \in \mathbf{Z}$ ) is the adjacent transposition  $(i, i+1)$ . For a Maya diagram  $M$  and  $w \in W$ , we see that  $w(M) \subset \mathbf{Z}$  is also a Maya diagram of the same charge.

For any  $w \in W$  and  $k = 0, 1, 2$ , let  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r)$  be the partition corresponding to the Maya diagram  $M = w(\mathbf{Z}_{< k})$ . We set

$$N_\lambda^{(k)} = \prod_{\substack{i < j \\ i \in M^c, j \in M}} (\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j),$$

where we impose the relation  $\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_{i+3} = -4$  ( $i \in \mathbf{Z}$ ), so we have  $N_\lambda^{(k)} \in \mathbf{C}[\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2]$ . We can apply the following formula due to Y. Yamada [12]:

$$\phi_w(\Lambda_k) = N_\lambda^{(k)} \det \left( g_{\lambda_j - j + i}^{(k-i+1)} \right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq r}. \quad (10.4)$$

Here  $g_p^{(k)}$  ( $k \in \mathbf{Z}/3\mathbf{Z}, p \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}$ ) are the determinant of  $p \times p$  matrix described as follows. First we define  $g_p^{(0)}$  by

$$g_p^{(0)} := \frac{1}{N_p^{(0)}} \begin{vmatrix} f_{00} & f_{01} & f_{02} & & & & 0 \\ \beta_1 & f_{11} & f_{12} & f_{13} & & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & f_{p-3,p-1} & \\ & & & \beta_{p-2} & f_{p-2,p-2} & f_{p-2,p-1} & \\ 0 & & & & \beta_{p-1} & f_{p-1,p-1} & \end{vmatrix},$$

where the components are

$$\begin{aligned} f_{i,i} &= f_i \quad (f_{i+3} = f_i), \\ f_{i,i+1} &= g \quad (i \equiv 1), \quad 3q \quad (i \equiv 2), \quad 3r \quad (i \equiv 0), \\ f_{i,i+2} &= 1 \quad (i \equiv 1, 0), \quad -2 \quad (i \equiv 2), \end{aligned}$$

and  $\beta_j = \sum_{i=j}^{p-1} \alpha_i = \varepsilon_j - \varepsilon_p$ . Then we put  $g_p^{(1)} = \pi(g_p^{(0)})$  and  $g_p^{(2)} = \pi^2(g_p^{(0)})$  by the automorphism  $\pi$ :

$$\pi(f_{ij}) = f_{i+1,j+1}, \quad \pi(\varepsilon_j) = \varepsilon_{j+1}.$$

The formula (10.4) is valid since the action of  $W = \langle s_0, s_1, s_2 \rangle$  in our setting is reduced from the action of  $A_\infty$  (cf. [9]):

$$s_i(\alpha_i) = -\alpha_i, \quad s_i(\alpha_{i\pm 1}) = \alpha_{i\pm 1} + \alpha_i, \quad s_i(\alpha_j) = \alpha_j \quad (j \neq i, i \pm 1),$$

where  $\alpha_j := \varepsilon_j - \varepsilon_{j+1}$  ( $j \in \mathbf{Z}$ ) and

$$s_k(f_{i,j}) = f_{i,j} + (\delta_{k+1,i} f_{k,j} - \delta_{j,k} f_{i,k+1}) \frac{\alpha_k}{f_k}.$$

## 11 Differential field of $\tau$ -functions

In this section we give supplementary discussions on the affine Weyl group action. In particular, we consider a differential field of  $\tau$ -functions that naturally contains the fields  $K$  and  $\tilde{K}$ . The field  $\hat{F}$  we consider can be presented as

$$\mathbf{C}(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, x; \tau_0, \tau_1, \tau_2, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \tau'_0, \tau'_1, \tau'_2, \sigma'_1, \sigma'_2) \quad (11.1)$$

with some relations discussed below. Then the set of bilinear equations in Theorem 3 makes  $\hat{F}$  into the differential field. To show some basic facts on  $\hat{F}$ , we introduce some intermediate fields.

Let  $F$  denote the extended field of  $\mathbf{C}(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, x)$  obtained by adjoining the variables  $g'_0, g'_1, g'_2, h'_1, h'_2$  with the following relations:

$$3(g'_0 - 2h'_2 + h'_1)(g'_1 - g'_2) + 2x(g'_0 - 2g'_1 + g'_2) + \alpha_1 + 1 = 0, \quad (11.2)$$

$$3(h'_2 - 2h'_1 + g'_0)(g'_1 - g'_2) + 2x(g'_1 - 2g'_2 + g'_0) + \alpha_2 + 1 = 0. \quad (11.3)$$



As in the proof of Theorem 3, we will identify  $g'_j$  with  $(\log \tau_j)'$  and  $h'_1, h'_2$  with  $(\log \sigma_1)', (\log \sigma_2)'$  respectively. Note that the relations (11.2), (11.3) correspond to (4.4), (4.5), (4.6). It is easy to see  $F = \mathbf{C}(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, x)(g'_0, g'_1, g'_2)$ , and  $g'_0, g'_1, g'_2$  are algebraically independent over  $\mathbf{C}(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, x)$ . So if we fix  $g''_j \in F$  ( $j = 0, 1, 2$ ) in an arbitrary way, then we have a derivation on  $F$ . Now we want to introduce a derivation on  $F$  in such a way that is consistent with the bilinear equations. Actually we can prove the following lemma by lengthy but straightforward computations:

**Lemma 1** *There exists a unique derivation on  $F$  such that the set of bilinear equations in Theorem 3 holds.*

Consider the extended field  $\widehat{F} := F(\tau_0, \tau_1, \tau_2, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  with a relation

$$\tau'_1 \tau_2 - \tau_2 \tau'_1 = \sigma_1 \sigma_2.$$

We can naturally extend the derivation by  $\tau'_j = g'_j \tau_j$ ,  $\sigma'_k = h'_k \sigma_k$  ( $j = 0, 1, 2, k = 1, 2$ ). Then we have the previous presentation (11.1). Now the next lemma is a direct consequence of Theorem 3.

**Lemma 2** *We have a natural embedding of the differential fields*

$$K \subset \widehat{F}.$$

Our next task is to extend the affine Weyl group action on  $\widetilde{K} = K(\tau_0, \tau_1, \tau_2, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  (Theorem 4) to  $\widehat{F}$ . The following two lemmas can be easily verified.

**Lemma 3** *By the following formulae, we can introduce an action of the affine Weyl group  $W$  on  $\widehat{F}$  as a group of automorphisms:*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{s_0(\tau'_0)}{s_0(\tau_0)} &= \frac{\tau'_0}{\tau_0} - \frac{\alpha_0}{f_0}, \\ \frac{s_1(\tau'_1)}{s_1(\tau_1)} &= \frac{\tau'_1}{\tau_1} - \frac{\alpha_1 \sigma_2}{f_1 \tau_2}, \quad \frac{s_1(\sigma'_1)}{s_1(\tau_1)} = \frac{\sigma'_1}{\tau_1} - \frac{\alpha_1 \tau'_0}{f_1 \tau_0}, \\ \frac{s_2(\tau'_2)}{s_2(\tau_2)} &= \frac{\tau'_2}{\tau_2} + \frac{\alpha_2 \sigma_1}{f_2 \tau_1}, \quad \frac{s_2(\sigma'_2)}{s_2(\tau_2)} = \frac{\sigma'_2}{\tau_2} - \frac{\alpha_1 \tau'_0}{f_1 \tau_0}, \end{aligned}$$

and  $s_i(\tau'_j) = \tau'_j$  ( $i \neq j$ ),  $s_i(\sigma'_k) = \sigma'_k$  ( $i \neq k$ ). Moreover this action is an extension of the action of  $W$  on  $\widetilde{K}$ .

**Lemma 4** *For  $i, j = 0, 1, 2$  and  $k = 1, 2$  we have*

$$s_i(\tau'_j) = s_i(\tau_j)', \quad s_i(\sigma'_k) = s_i(\sigma_k)'.$$

**Remark.** Although we have introduced the Weyl group action on the  $\tau$ -functions in an ad hoc manner, these formulae can be derived systematically by using the gauge matrices  $G_i$  (6.3), if we identify the  $\tau$ -functions with the components of a *dressing matrix*. We will give an explanation of this point in a separate article.

The goal of this section is the following fact:

**Theorem 5** *The derivation of  $\widehat{F}$  commutes with the action of  $W$  on  $\widehat{F}$ .*

A straightforward verification of this fact may require quite a bit of calculations, because the second derivatives of  $\tau$ -functions are determined implicitly by the bilinear equations. To avoid the complexity, we make use of the fact  $\widehat{F} = \widetilde{K}(k)$ , which is easily seen from (9.1), (9.3), and (9.4), where we set

$$k = 2 \left( \frac{\tau'_0}{\tau_0} + \frac{\tau'_1}{\tau_1} + \frac{\tau'_2}{\tau_2} \right) + \frac{\sigma'_1}{\sigma_1} + \frac{\sigma'_2}{\sigma_2}.$$

As for the first derivatives of  $\tau$ -functions, we have already lemma 4. Therefore, in order to prove Theorem 5, it suffices to show the next lemma.

**Lemma 5**

$$s_i(k') = s_i(k)' \quad (i = 0, 1, 2). \quad (11.4)$$

**Proof.** By Lemma 3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} s_0(k) - k &= 2 \left( \frac{s_0(\tau'_0)}{s_0(\tau_0)} - \frac{\tau'_0}{\tau_0} \right) = -2 \frac{\alpha_0}{f_0}, \\ s_1(k) - k &= 2 \left( \frac{s_1(\tau'_1)}{s_1(\tau_1)} - \frac{\tau'_1}{\tau_1} \right) + \left( \frac{s_1(\sigma'_1)}{s_1(\sigma_1)} - \frac{\sigma'_1}{\sigma_1} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (11.5)$$

$$s_2(k) - k = 2 \left( \frac{s_2(\tau'_2)}{s_2(\tau_2)} - \frac{\tau'_2}{\tau_2} \right) + \left( \frac{s_2(\sigma'_2)}{s_2(\sigma_2)} - \frac{\sigma'_2}{\sigma_2} \right). \quad (11.6)$$

We can rewrite the right hand sides of (11.5) and (11.6) into

$$\begin{aligned} s_1(k) - k &= -2 \frac{\alpha_1}{f_1} r - \frac{\alpha_1(2xq - f_2)}{3q(f_1q + \alpha_1)}, \\ s_2(k) - k &= -2 \frac{\alpha_2}{f_2} q - \frac{\alpha_2(2xr - f_1)}{3r(f_2r - \alpha_2)} \end{aligned}$$

by using (9.1), (10.1) and (10.2). On the other hand, the normalization condition (9.2) reads

$$\begin{aligned} k' &= -u_0^2 - u_2^2 - \left( u_0 - \frac{f_1}{3r} + \frac{2x}{3} \right)^2 - \left( u_2 - \frac{f_2}{3q} + \frac{2x}{3} \right)^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{2x}{9} \left( 4x - \frac{f_1}{r} - \frac{f_2}{q} \right) + \frac{\alpha_1 - \alpha_2}{9}. \end{aligned}$$

Then we can verify (11.4) by applying (6.4) to  $s_i(k')$  and the ODE (5.3) to  $s_i(k)'$ .  $\square$

## 12 Discussion

We have derived a two-parameter family of the fifth Painlevé equation as a similarity reduction of the modified Yajima-Oikawa hierarchy, which is related to a non-standard Heisenberg subalgebra of  $A_2^{(1)}$ . The system admits a group of Bäcklund transformations of type  $W(A_2^{(1)})$ . By a suitable modification of our construction, it may be possible to recover a *missing* parameter and get the fifth Painlevé with the full symmetry of type  $W(A_3^{(1)})$ . Combinatorial and/or representation theoretical structure of the hierarchy is also deserves to be investigated. A combinatorial aspect of representation associated with the Yajima-Oikawa hierarchy is studied by S. Leidwanger in [5]. It seems that the work is closely related some family of polynomial solutions of the fifth Painlevé equation. We hope that we discuss these issues in future publications.

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